

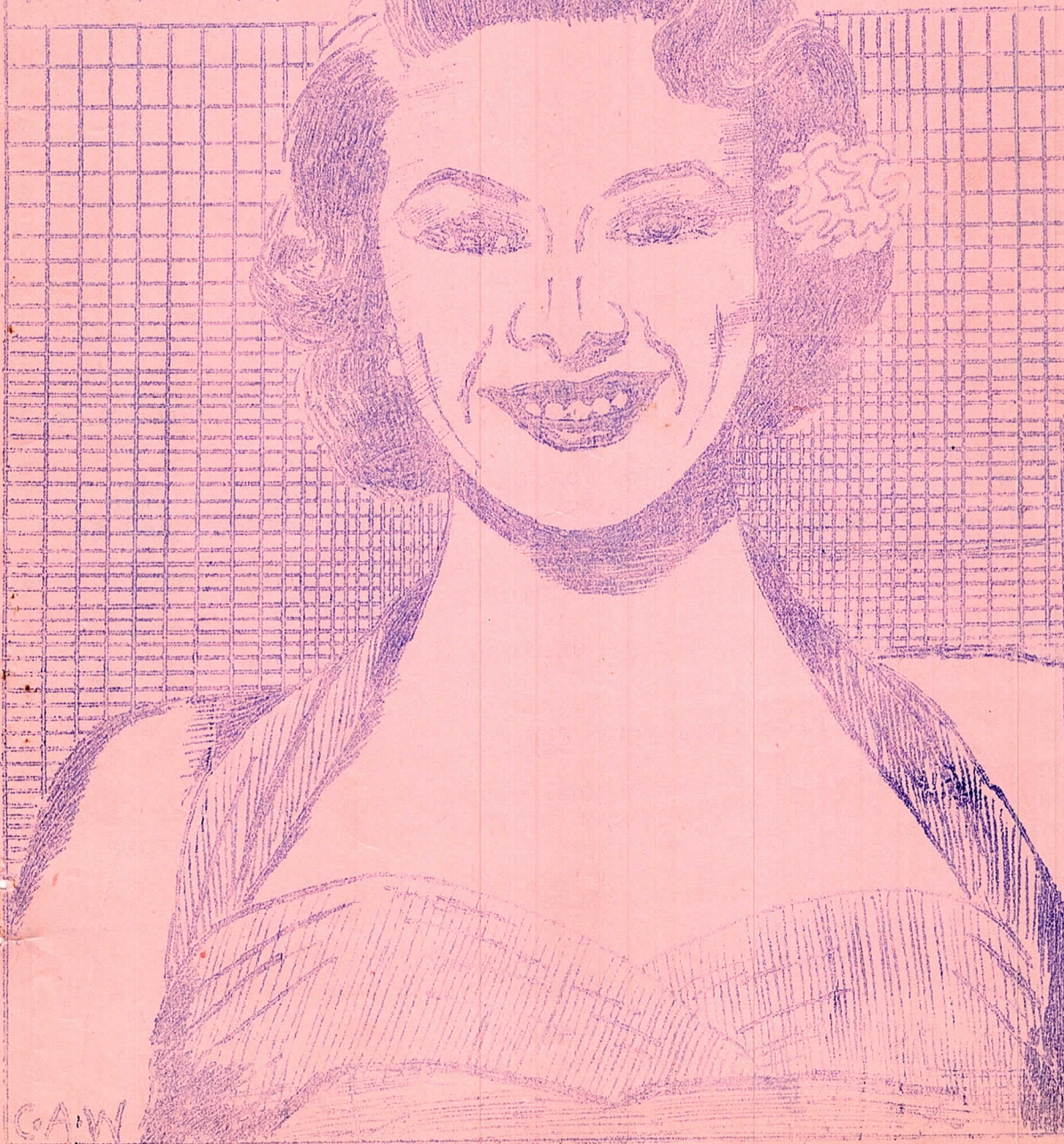
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Members are requested to always enclose a S.A.E. when writing to  
the Society's Officers.

An "X" here ..... signifies that your RENEWAL IS NOW DUE.

To continue your Membership, please send a 7/6 postal order, crossed  
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from The London Evening News" 15/4/61  
"for one of the biggest fan draws of all time...MGM's record  
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smiles of nostalgia all over the world. An uncomplicated record.  
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PURE BING. "



# BING

by  
Wilfrid  
Thomas

It was a Friday evening. I was leaving home for a screening when the BBC 'phoned. Bing Crosby was in town, they said. The next morning he would be recording four titles at Decca, but the session was being kept a secret, otherwise the street outside would be very jammed with autograph seekers and sight-seers. Television and news-reel cameras would be excluded, so would the press. Bing doesn't need publicity, he was breaking into a vacation to do this job, he had refused to give interviews to anybody. But it would be nice to get one, wouldn't it? Unfortunately they couldn't lay on a tape recorder.

So I went to the screening. After all, at 11 pm., I was walking along the Strand wondering how I could contact Bing. I was about to cross the road to the public telephones when I looked up from the used bus tickets and chewing gum blobs on the pavement, and there, miraculously walking towards me, were Mr and Mrs C. This was fate.

I risked being snubbed, and accosted them, and Bing agreed to give me an exclusive scoop. The rest was easy. Decca laid on recording facilities, and next morning I arrived at their studios in the middle of the session. A thirty piece orchestra sat at wooden music stands, each stand spotted like a leopard through cigarette burns. From the vocalist's box came a voice "If you please, Sir Malcolm". But it was not Sir Malcolm Sargent who was conducting, but Malcolm Lockyer. And the speaker was of course, Bing himself, sitting on a high stool in the box, manuscript in hand, glasses on nose, hat on head. I joined producer Dick Rowe and Bing's arranger Bob Thompson in the control booth, where Arthur Lilley was leading the recording team. Dick said "I know only one artist as easy to work with as Crosby, and that's Vera Lynn". Once or twice Bing mis-read the score during rehearsal. "Whoops" he'd say, "Everybody duck."

A take or two polished each number off. The session was booked from 10 am till 3 pm but it was over by twenty minutes to one. As the musicians packed away, many of them said how easy and smooth it had been. I went down to the studio floor and joined Bing at the microphone, hoping he wouldn't brush me off. My first question got him in. I spoke of the success two days before of his baseball team, from then on, our conversation flowed. So much was taped that the BBC took two pieces for "Roundabout" and I included more in my Wilfrid Thomas Show to Australia, and the BBC producer Eric Miller sent me a congratulatory letter. During our talk, Bing revealed that his favourite record is of "My Isle of Golden Dreams".

Try it and see why.

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FREE photo of BING on Page 9. Full details of SPECIALLY REDUCED prices for photographs from our PHOTO SECTION on page 15.



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# PAT SULLIVAN WRITES FROM AMERICA



Dear Members,

The Crosby news this month isn't sufficient to warrant a newsletter, so I'm writing this short note to you instead.

The Crosby's, as you probably know, are expecting their third child in November. Son Dennis became the father of his second son, James Anthony, on Dec 31st.

Twin Phillip and his wife Sandra are expecting their third child in May.

Gary has a new album release, and has just completed two movies, "The Right Approach" and "The Battle of Bloody Beach". Phil, Dennis and Lin have cancelled their European tour. They opened in New York this month, and will go to Hawaii on tour next. Here is the review of their San Francisco show, dated March 11th. :-

"Phillip, Dennis and Lindsay Crosby celebrated their first anniversary in show business Thursday night in their opening in the Fairmonts Venetian Room, and even though literally born into the business, the sons of Bing revealed amazing talents. In my opinion, they could be the sons of Joe Crosby of Milpitas and still be a top flight act. The fact that they're the sons of America's most beloved entertainer, is merely frosting on the cake. Each has a touch of their fathers voice and his easy going personable way. It's like listening to three Bings. When they blend voices in a medley of Papas hit records, it hits you right here. Hand on heart. The boys are cute and clever without being ostentatious about it. Their act, written by Charles O'Curran, is conducted musically by Fred Otis with Ernie Heckschers fine orchestra, is first rate, and 100 per cent enjoyable.

While in San Francisco, Priscilla Koernig, a good friend of mine, and her friend Rosalee Coy, organised an official fan club for the boys. I am to be secretary, and if any English Crosby Society members would be interested in joining, then contact me at my new address :- 3004 W. Wells, Apt. 109, Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin.

Bing's new LP Album is called "Senor Bing", and will be out here this month. I don't have a complete list of the titles as yet, but some of them are "Pagan Love Song", "Cuban Love Song", "Romona", and "Down Argentine Way".

Sincerely Yours,

PAT.

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A special word for our lady members appears in the Editorial on page 16.



# CROZ-TALK



BY

It's "Post" time once again, Members, and I must say how times flies! But it's really great to get together again for a short while.

We nearly had a small meeting of members on Wed: May 3rd, when our Hon. Member Mr George O'Reilly, **JACK MANNERS** paid what was to be a weeks visit to London. But owing to the sudden illness of his wife, had to cancel out this date and return to Dublin.

I am sure all members will join with me in wishing Mrs O'Reilly a speedy recovery. I would like to make a special mention here regarding one of our new members. When I received the telegram from George cancelling the get-together it was my obvious duty to advise those members to whom I had sent invitations to attend, to try and stop them making a fruitless journey. But I slipped up and mislaid my list, and in the process forgot to send Yvonne Bowles an Express letter along with the rest, with the inevitable result...Yvonne turned up at the Irish Club, S.W.I. But by good fortune, George had left Bob Roberts telephone number at the club, so Yvonne was able to get in touch with us there, and despite the disappointment and lateness of the hour, made the trip at Bob's invitation across country at the end of which she could only stay roughly an hour. I think she was very sporting about the whole thing, and one thing is very clear, Yvonne is a truly great Bing supporter. However, everything turned out well at the finish, as George returned after a couple of days or so and invited us all to dinner and a meeting for the Wednesday of May 10th. Frank and Cecil were due to attend the first meeting, but they could not make the second date....bad luck! (As I didn't know it! Ed.)

I will not go into any details of this small but sociable evening except to say "thanks" to those who attended, and to all members I feel sure you will guess that the main topic of conversation was the great "El Bingo"!

Now to the raffle. A grand response, friends, and I really do appreciate the effort made by one and all. The total amount sent in was four pounds eight shillings. The list of winners are to be found on another page.

Well, friends, I will have to cut now, or the Editor will be on my tail! But keep on plugging away at the B. B.C., for in spite of many negative replies, they are I think our best chance of getting Bing in focus or on the air. So keep writing.

Sincerely,

JACK

A film now going the rounds is "PEPE" with a host of Stars of the entertainment world, including of course our highly respected Honorary President.

Bing makes a good effort with the short cameo played in a comedy vein, but he couldn't have done more with the poor material offered him. Unless you like beautiful settings and glorious colour photography, the film is hardly worth bothering about. A great pity considering the work involved in its production.

C. A. W.



# ALTERNATIVE by BOB ROBERTS TAKES

The two alternative takes I have chosen for this issue of the "Post" were both recorded on November 4th. 1938, with the famous John Scott Trotter and his orchestra, and both songs were from Bing's film "Paris Honeymoon". Appearing with Bing in this film were Franciska Gaal, Shirley Ross and Akim Tamiroff.

## THE FUNNY OLD HILLS

MASTER DLAI549

Take 'A'? Issued on BrE 02713

Bing sings..... "I've got no gal - I've got no pal"

Take 'B'? Issued on BrE LA8732

Bings sings..... "I've got no pal - I've got no gal"

There is no indication on the was as to what take was used on BrE 02713, it is obviously different to the LP reissue and for easy reference I have shown these two items as 'A'? and 'B'? It is also interesting to note that the Matrix shown on the 78 issue has been altered from DLAI548 to DLAI549

## JOOBALAI

MASTER DLAI550

Take 'B' issued on BrE 02714

Bings sings..... "joo, joo, joo, joo, joo balai"

Take 'A' Issued on BrE LA8732

Bing sings..... "joo, joo, joo, joojoo, joo balai".

Here again on the LP reissue a different take has been used and it is presumed to be 'A'. The 78 issue on BrE 02714 is shown as 'B' on the wax.

Don't forget some of Bing's favourites from the 1932 - 1934 period have just been reissued on FORTUNE 24027 - Price 22/6d.

Ten wonderful renderings by Bing for 22/6d.....2/3 per song!!!!

What more could you ask? Titles are "Temptation", "Just an Echo", "Last Round-up", "Did you ever see a dream walking?", "Learn to croon", "How deep is the Ocean", "Black Moonlight", "Blue Prelude", "Riding around in the Rain", and "Let's put out the lights and go to bed".

Until next time.....Happy Listening..... BOB.

The next issue of Crosby Post will contain articles by Arnold Pope and Joan Walton, together with all the news and views from the World of Crosby!



# FRANK MURPHY'S CROSBY DIARY



## APRIL

- 10th. Received souvenir booklet of Bing's 20th National Pro-amateur Golf Tourney from Del Monte Properties... thanks to Les Gaylor for passing address on.
- 13th. Received two great pics of Bing from Associated Press.
- 20th. Miss Maureen Field advises further developments in tie-up with Trans Atlantic Record Agency.
- 21st. Priscella Keernig advises she has started official club for the Crosby Brothers. Our own Jack Manners appointed British reporter.
- 22nd. Letter from Larry Crosby containing Crosby Brothers address, also Larry conveys best wishes to all members.
- 23rd. I invite Phillip, Dennis and Lindsay to become Honorary Members. Ken Sykora writes in with a few nice comments re April issue.
- 24th. Derek Parkes advises that work on his mammoth Crosby Discography will be resumed shortly.
- 25th. Spent morning "junking", slight success. I bought "September Song/Temptation DE 30 Japanese Decca Teichiku Record Co. Ex copy 1/-
- 26th. George O'Reilly invites me to dinner at the Irish Club on May 3rd. I accept with grateful thanks to George.
- 27th. Heard Fred Reynolds great item on Ken Sykoras Crosby Cameo... now I have Bing's first recording "I've got the Girl" on tape at last.
- 28th. Alma selects birthday card for Bing's 57th Birthday.
- 29th. Birthday card air mailed to Bing on behalf of all members.

## MAY.

- 1st. Trans Atlantic advise they are trying to get fabulous "OLD MASTERS" for me.
- 2nd. BING'S BIRTHDAY! I hold a special session on this occasion, also heard "In a little Spanish Town" on Housewives Choice. Telegram from George O'Reilly, Mrs O'Reilly is taken ill and he has to cancel meeting for the present. I regretfully cancel my trip to London.
- 3rd. I mail sincere good wishes to George, for Mrs O'Reilly, on behalf of all members. Carole Carr played Bing and Satchmo's "PREACHER" on 12 o'clock spin.
- 8th. Charming letter from George O'Reilly, meeting now set for Wed: May 10th. Regretfully, I am unable to attend owing to pending tonsil operation on our little boy, Michael. I arrange to 'phone George at the Irish Club on the night of the meeting. I received two LP's of songs from many of Bing's films, all soundtrack, and including the sensational version of "Sunshine Cake" from "Riding High". Also received LP of last TV show with Mr Como.

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FRANK MURPHY'S CROSBY DIARY continued;

9th. I airmailed letter to Larry. I mention we've just enrolled 4 members of the Grimwood family into our club..SIDNEY, SANDRA, Charles and Edward..a record @ think. Heard Bing's "Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy" on Peter Wet's "Playtime". Cecil and I commence Tapesponding.

10th Raffle result arrives from Jack Manners..I am delighted at the success of the raffle which realised £4 - 8 - 0, a total of 88 tickets sold.

15th. Heard Bing and Satchmo's "At the Jazz Band Ball" on Alan Dell's BBC Morning Call.

19th. Another from Richard Murdoch on "Housewives Choice", this time Bing's great "swinger" "They All Laughed".

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I would appreciate knowing whether you'd like to see this Diary continued in Crosby Post. I feel it is a useful way of passing little items on that would otherwise be missed.

FRANK,

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*SPOTLIGHT ON DISCS* <sup>BY</sup> *E. GRIFFITHS*

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In resuming my article I thought it might prove more interesting if I were to 'SPOTLIGHT' the less familiar titles. Some which you may not have heard, and would like to know about. Here goes then:-

"YOU'RE WONDERFUL" recorded 10.5.49 with Victor Young and Orchestra. To my mind, here is the ideal orchestration, with a nice piano solo included. The melody is one of those which once heard, remains in the memory. Add to this the good lyrics and Bing's voice, and you have a first class disc. Unfortunately it is a 78, now deleted - Bruns.04497.

Here's another:- "ELIGHT OF FANCY" recording date 14.2.52. Orchestra is Camarata's, who also give Bing good backing. Both this and the above are the romantic ballad type which Bing sings so well. This is also a difficult disc to obtain, as it has only been issued on the American Decca 28217.

NON-COMMERCIAL CORNER.

On V Disc 508 is a song never issued commercially. "ONE ALONE" with Trudy Erwin. The second track is "POINCIANA". Although this is basically the same as the commercial, it is in fact a different "take".

I would like to quote from the "OLD MASTERS" booklet here:-

"One man is known to have acquired them all. Another once paid 50 dollars for the B or second of "TEMPTATION". A third parted with 100 dollars for a poor home recording of Crosby singing "ONE ALONE" with Trudy Erwin, a performance taken from a radio broadcast by a fourth collector with strong commercial instincts....."





Bing, as he appeared  
in

"WELCOME STRANGER"

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(Note the specially  
reduced prices from our  
PHOTO SECTION on page 15  
of this issue.)

Another FREE photo for  
your collection shortly.

#### SHOW PICTORIAL "The World of Entertainment in Words and Pictures"

As was reported in our last issue, "RECORD AND SHOW MIRROR" is no more, but instead, Mr Isidore Green produces yet another new weekly! I certainly hope this latest effort will stay the course a great deal longer than Mr Green's previous efforts over the years!

Because, this "SHOW PICTORIAL" is the type of paper that has been wanted for a very long time. To me, it is rather a mixture of "Record and Show Mirror" and "The Stage", with a dash of "The Performer" about it. And if you have never heard of "The Performer"....well, you don't know your "show business"! Mr Green's little masterpiece sells at sixpence, and is excellent value for money. It is refreshing to see Mr Flotsam busy in it's pages, and as he warned us last month there is also a better bundle of Wood! Meaning of course, that great personality Mr George Wood. There is something of everything in this "SHOW PICTORIAL", and if you are interested in any kind of entertainment, then honestly, this IS the paper for YOU! And if you have not already purchased No.4, well, do so, 'cos there is something in it from our Leslie Gaylor!

C. A. WESTROPE

So much has had to be left out of this issue of CROSBY POST, but we shall catch up with it in the August number. Our old friend Mr Ted Laker will be back, together with something from Vera Roberts.



# The Groaner in the Groove



Hallo Collectors,

At the time of going to press, there is only one solitary new issue to record, it is:

BING CROSBY    "REMEMBER"    PONTANA TEE 17179(m)    E. P.

"Temptation"\* "My Honey's Loving Arms"\* "How Deep is the Ocean"\* "Let's put out the lights and go to Sleep"\*

When one thinks of all the early Columbia master discs, for example, STREET OF DREAMS, I GUESS IT HAD TO BE THAT WAY, STARLIGHT, and that beautiful early Bing, WALTZING IN A DREAM, it is hard to find an answer to Phillips continued policy of giving us the same repeated titles time after time. I for one, am getting a little tired of seeing How Deep is the Ocean appearing on nearly every re-issue. Evenbthough they will probably give the same answer as always "We don't have the masters for the titles you mention", I am writing a strong letter to Phillips on this matter, for I still feel it should be brought to their attention that there are a legion of Crosby collectors in this country who are practically crying out for this Bing's which have remained unissued for so many years. I hope you will follow suit by writing to Phillips also.

By the time our next issue comes out in August, I hope to have full details to hand of the expected release on Warner Bros. of the two L.P. set "101 Gang Songs" which I mentioned last time, also I expect MGM will also have issued the eagerly awaيتد album "EL SENOR BING". I should perhaps mention that Brunswick have issued a series of L.P.s titled "The 30s", "The 40s" "The 50s" and "The 60s", which contain hit items from many of their greatest stars. Of course, Bing is on these L.Ps., and I have written to Decca to enquire if it will be possible for me to receive these discs for review, and if so I shall be able to give a little more detail on these next time.

Must make mention of the news that has just come to hand from Frank Grant, that great collector we have in Scotland. Frank tells me he has just landed two very rare Bing discs. Titles are: "FACE THE MUSIC MEDLEY" and "POOR BUTTERFLY". The price including postage was £85 - 5 - 0, NO! Thats not a typing error...it really is £85 - 5 - 0.

Can any member beat this ?

All the Best 'till August,  
Bing-cerely,

FRANK.



# An Appreciation

Contributed by ERIC GRIFFITHS.

Regular patrons of the Irish Club in London, must have wondered what had hit them on the evening of Wednesday May 10th, when an invasion of mainly "mad English" occurred. These guests however were there by kind invitation of George O'Reilly. During dinner, these bewildered patrons may have gathered by the conversation around them that one man was the main topic, a fellow called BING CROSBY!

After a most enjoyable meal, the party was conducted to a private room where everyone continued the main theme. Absent friends were not however, forgotten, as during the evening I heard mention of Frank Murphy (who telephoned us), Stan White, Les Gaylor, Derek Parkes, Cecil A. Westrope, and others. Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone. We were most interested to meet Mr Charles Graves whom I am sure everyone has heard of, especially Les! Charles has a great interest in golf, and therefore shares a mutual interest with Bing.

We also had the delightful company of Irish singer Sheila Ward, a "Top Rank" recording star, broadcaster and T.V. artist. (How's that for a plug, Sheila ? ) Time just flew by, and with much reluctance we all hurried for our last connections home.

Those present besides George, Charles, and Sheila, were Kit and Jack Manners, Fred Reynolds, John Fleming, Charlie Tupper, Vera and Bob Roberts, Yvonne and Derek Bowles, with Jean and Eric Griffiths.

On behalf of us all, George, our SINCERE THANKS for a most enjoyable evening, and one we shall all certainly remember.

## NOTES FROM 'H.Q'

### THE RAFFLE WINNERS!

- 1st. Prize: Mr Maurice Beardmore, 19 Handford St., Derby.  
2nd Prize: Mr William Wight, 119 Culzean Cres, Kilmarnock, Scotland.

The FIVE WINNERS of the PHOTO consolation prizes as follows:

- Miss Madge Holmes, 149, Wellington St., Winsom Green, Birmingham.  
Mrs Myrne Scott, 67 Lisle Grove, High Rowdon, Wallsend.  
Mr Eric Griffiths, 59 Pickhurst Rise, West Wickham, Kent.  
Mr Bill England, 66 Tennyson Street, Londo, S.W.8  
Miss Joan Walton, 5 Bridge Street, Brough, Kirby Stephen, Westmorland.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK! AVAILABLE ON JULY 1st., THE BRITISH CROSBY SOCIETY'S COMPLETE LIST OF OFFICERS? HONORARY MEMBERS AND ORDINARY MEMBERS. ORDER YOUR COPY NOW BY SENDING 2/3 to FRANK MURPHY.

All material for the AUGUST number of Crosby Post MUST be in the hands of the Editor by JULY 20 th. Keep the postman busy !



Well, Members, here we are once again, and before I go any further may I offer my sincere apologies in any delay in writing to my friends. The position exists at the moment whereby a nice house has been offered to me and I am in the process of decorating it which is quite a big job. However, things will be normal before long, so by the time this is in your hands my address will be "SISHFORD" II4, MEDINA AVENUE, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

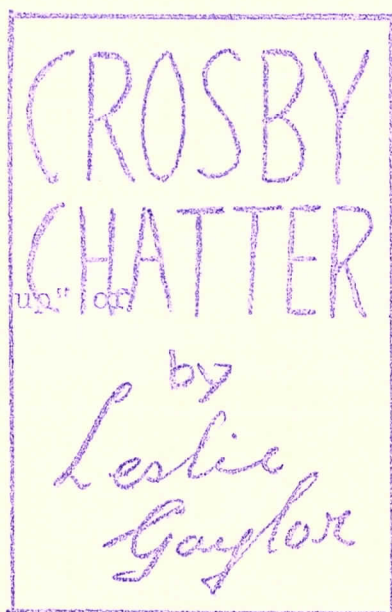
The time is getting close to Bing coming here again, and I sincerely hope that members may get the chance to see him. A beautiful postcard I have just had from Mr Charles Graves, is one he received from Bing. It shows in colour the 18th Hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Course, the "Del Monte Lodge" and shops. Mr Graves is a very great friend of Bing, and in Bing's own handwriting on the back of the card is the following: "Here's a pretty shot of Pebble Beach 18th. Home for a few days, then back to Mexico for some more fish. Will see you in early July." BING. So there you have it, from the great man himself; July is the month and the picture to be made here with Bing and Bob Hope will last for ten weeks Bing tells Mr Graves. A letter in a recent issue of "NEW

to reflect upon Bing's U.S.A. What I found I interest to you, and it of these notes. I do ed in to the "RECORD Luxembourg on Bing's Barry Alldis played for request; they chose plus a real super "build up" of Disc award and of his "explanatory note" which

The latest I have on that the "EL SENOR BING" while ago, this having a Hay's Orchestra. I hope here he will finish off ites LP that he started a terrific report that MUSICAL EXPRESS by Derek O'Reilly threw a welcome get to-gether at the Irish Club in London; and from reports I have had I very much regret that I could not make it this time.

Well, Members, once again I'll close, wishing you all luck that you may be able to see the Mighty Bing. It will be an experience of a lifetime; you'll find in particular that your friends will be very interested in knowing you have met Bing.

Best Wishes to you all,  
Leslie Gaylor.



RECORD MIRROR" caused me great following in the thought might be of some will follow at the end hope many of you listen-REQUESTS" on radio Birthday on May 2nd, all Bing fans upon my "LIKE SOMEONE IN LOVE" up of Bings Platinum fantastic sales, an is given on another page. releases in America is came out on MGM some musical backing by Billy that when Bing is over his continental favour-recording last October, was published in the NEW Johnson. Mr George

"BING" by Dr J.T.H. MIZE.

During 1945 there was the following addenda to Crosby's already incredible record: Although he was on the air for only about five months out of the twelve, the newspaper radio editors in polls by both "Motion Picture Herald" and "Radio Daily" voted him the top money-making star for the second consecutive year.

Cont. over.



In 1945 "Box-Office Magazine" annual poll voted him the "Year's Top All-American Male Star"; "International British Poll" called him the "Top International Star"; "Motion Picture Daily Fame Poll" placed him "Top Radio Master of Ceremonies" (fourth consecutive year) and top "Male Vocalist" (ninth consecutive year).

In February of 1945 he received the "Oscar" statuette awarded annually by the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences, for his 1944 performance in "Going my way". In the 1945 "Billboard" magazine poll of Army camps throughout the United States, Bing got more votes than Sinatra, Como, and Haymes all put together: Bing Crosby - 1188 points; Frank Sinatra - 374 points, Perry Como - 308 points, Dick Haymes - 308 points. It might be argued that ninety percent of the voters in this particular poll were men, and it is commonly admitted that the males prefer Bing to any other singer, but "Billboard" conducted two other polls during the summer of 1945 - "High School Students Music Favourites", and "College Students" music Favourites - and Bing was also first in each of these, amassing more than the combined votes of his two nearest contenders ( Frank Sinatra and Dick Haymes in both instances). In 1946 for the sixth consecutive time, Bing was voted America's leading Male Singer by the Colleges of the Nation in the Billboard College Music Poll.

A glance at Crosby's standing during preceding years will indicate his sustained popularity, as will it offer a glance at the relative standings of his nearest competitors: The 1946 "World Almanac" using as sources the "New York World Telegram" poll for 1942 and the "Billboard" for 1943 and 1944, gives the following summation (page 611) under "Radio Favourites Named in Poll of Editors" for "Male Popular Singers" : 1942: Bing Crosby, Dennis Day, Barry Wood, Frank Sinatra, and tied for fifth place, Lanny Ross and Frank Parker. 1943: Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Dick Haymes, Dennis Day, and Perry Como. 1944: Bing Crosby, Dick Haymes, Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, and Frank Munn.

In a recent statement issued by the B.B.C., a report said that "two-thirds of it's requests for records to be played on the "Forces Favourites" programme during the war, for Allied troops in all parts of the world, were for Bing's waxings". England, through its emissary actor David Niven, awarded Bing Crosby an exact replica of the famed Ascot Gold Cup for being "Britains Most Popular Star of 1945". Bing has been a Kentucky colonel, and has the keys to a dozen cities. He has received awards of recognition from various magazines, such as "Photoplay", "Red Book", and "Look", and from music magazines such as "Down Beat", "Metronome", "Music Business", "Orchestra World", and "Band Leaders". Bing has accumulated enough tangible awards to fill a trophy room the size of the Hollywood Bowl.

END.

" I received a small item of news from Bing regarding Lois Whitman, the girl he sang with in the Gus Arheim Orchestra. Bing says she is still active in show business, handling talent, including her own daughter who is quite a good singer.

Was Lois the first girl Bing appeared with on wax? "

From JACK ANDREWS.



# THE BRITISH CROSBY SOCIETY AND AMERICAN CROSBY CLUB

For many years now, a sort of association has existed between the two above clubs for Bing Crosby -- former and present heads of both clubs have combined in a two way exchange of the most important Crosby news at each others respective end.

Having these long years of association in mind, it is with real pride that we can announce that the present heads of both Societies have reached agreement over a plan to put the facilities of BOTH clubs at the disposal of the whole of the present membership of both clubs.

From now on, each issue of the respective club magazines ie: CROSBY POST and BINGANG, will carry an advert giving full details of how members of both clubs can join the other club, and it is hoped that this arrangement will eventually lead to the friendly ties between Bing fans the world over, being tied even more tightly.

## ADVERT

THE AMERICAN CLUB CROSBY - Membership dues are \$1-43. and this amount should be sent to RENA ALBANESI in the form of an International Money Order (no coupons). New Members receive a Membership Card, an autographed photo of Bing, three issues of BINGANG.

Pen pals are also available, and each journal contains snaps of Bing and his friends and family.

The Money Order must be made payable to Rena Albanesi, and sent direct to THE CLUB CROSBY, 128, Kimball Terrace, Yonkers 4, New York, U.S.A.

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The following is the information on the "Platinum Disc" :-

The disc is mounted on maroon velvet and is about the size of a 45 rpm record. It has a Decca label - "White Christmas".

Underneath the disc is a platinum plaque with the following inscriptions:

To  
BING CROSBY  
1st Citizen of the Recording Industry, whose  
unparalleled sales of more than 200,000,000 RECORDS is  
greatly responsible for the recording business becoming  
one of America's great industries.

IN RESPECT AND GRATITUDE

HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

JUNE 9th. 1960

( All of the above is mounted in a platinum frame.)

BING CROSBY ENTERPRISES.

( The above item was supplied by LESLIE GAYLOR as mentioned in his  
"Crosby Chatter" )

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SPECIAL

# PHOTO SECTION

By Special arrangement with a new Photo Service company, we are able to make big reductions in the prices of club photographs!

POSTCARDS are now only 1/- each, and if more than 5 ordered they are reduced to only 9d each!

Bing with Frank Murphy and Jack Manners at Claridges Sept. 1960

Bing with Rosemary Clooney, Louis Armstrong and the Hi Lo's.

Bing with Tex.

"Tex" with Mary Francis and Dennis's little girl Dixie Lee

Bing in a scene from The Emperor Waltz.

Bing in a scene from A Yankee at King Arthurs Court.

Bing at the Calgary Parade. Bing with Dean Martin.

Bing with the Crosby Brothers. Bing and Kathryn at wine store.

Bing, Kathryn and "Tex". Bing and Kathryn on fishing trip.

Fisherman Bing. Bing and Gary (Army shot).

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SPECIAL SETS at reduced prices!

No. 3 Bing with Michael and Margie Holliday. 4 postcards 3/6

No. 4 Bing with Perry Como. 3 glossy postcards. 2/6

No. 5 Club Meeting at Jack Manners home. Sept. 1960 4 postcards 3/6

No. 6. Club Meeting at Frank Murphys home. Jan. 1961 4 postcards 3<sup>4</sup>/6

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SPECIAL SET NO. 1. Bing and Kathryn at London Airport. Eleven great photos each 8" x 6". 20/- set. Single photos 2/6 each.  
(By courtesy of Brenards Press Ltd.)

SPECIAL SET NO. 2. Bing and Kathryn sightseeing in London. TWELVE smashing photos 6" x 4" 24/- per set. Single photos 2/6 each.  
(By courtesy of the Daily Express Ltd.)

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EDITORIAL NOTE : I feel that Frank has done a great job in getting the prices reduced as stated above, and I sincerely hope that all our members will take advantage of this concession. Let me remind you that in years to come, it can be a very interesting thing to be able to look back on these photographs. I know! I have my own collection of photographs of famous stars insured for a good sum! Take my tip....write to Frank today, and start your collection tomorrow.

C. A. W.

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We hope you like the Rosemary cover this month....the girl is one of Bing's beauts, as you well know, and anyway....it's a change.



# EDITORIAL

by

C.A. WESTROPE

Dear Readers,

First, let me say "THANKS" to all of you who so kindly wrote to welcome me to the Editorial Chair! I can assure you that your letters were very welcome, and the contents of same also very much appreciated. In fact I've learnt quite a deal from them. I know of the things you like and dislike about our magazine. I also know certain famous names you like...and some you dislike!! Well, it takes all kinds to make a World and a Crosby Post!

I must mention that I was very disappointed at not being able to attend the dinner at the Irish Club by the kind invitation of George O'Reilly. I had already put off a certain business engagement for the previous week, and I felt that I could not "mess everyone up a second time", so to speak. However, I must just keep my fingers crossed with the hope that there will be another chance later. But there was a bargain of an evening going for those able to attend, and I know they all appreciate such a fine gesture by Mr O'Reilly. (To think they were enjoying an evening with the Irish, and I was just getting a load of "BLARNEY" from the English!!!)

The temperature as I write these words, is somewhere around 73. Not bad for May as far as this cl' country is concerned, the sun seems to have inspired the "fair sex" to try out their new Spring Fashions. At least, judging by those fluttering past my office window. And a pretty picture they make, too. Although I can't quite make out how they manage to flit along so daintily in those rather short and very tight frocks! None of my business, did you say? And probably you are right, but I feel that one or two around this office would add a little sparkle to it right now. You can't beat allittle GLAMOUR...no sirree! And a little GLAMOUR is what is needed among the pages of Crosby Post. It's time a lot of lady readers contributed a few articles to our magazine. Have you not noticed, dear readers, that if it wasn't for Pat Sullivan, our journal would almost be a STAG MAG? So come on ladies, get pen to paper.

Once again, we have another bumper issue of Crosby Post which I hope will give you pleasure. A lot of material has had to be cut slightly, I am afraid, but only as far as certain words. It all helps to save space and to "tighten up" the articles.

I regret that you will not be able to find any details of the competition that was mentioned in the April number. This has been cut out because I feel there were more important items to be included in this June issue.

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# Sales & Wants

MEMBERS

SECTION

## WANTED.

You are my Sunshine (Original 78) Ave Maria / Lullaby BRO3874  
Easter Parade 03382, Far Away Places 04235, Sly Old Gentleman original  
78, The Folks who live on the Hill.

Mr Michael Crampton,  
20 Neville Mount,  
Osmondthorpe,  
Leeds, 9, Yorks.

## FOR SALE.

I Surrender Dear / Just a Giglo Dubbing 1931. Very Good Cond.  
Wrap your Troubles in Dreams B3936 (mint), 01166, 02312, 01197, 01182,  
01219, 02315, 02314, DB1845, 01380, DB1829, DB1985, 01608, 01994,  
01951, 02443, 05034, very good condition.

Sweet Leilani / Blue Hawaii (picture labels. Best Offer only.  
A copy of "That's my weakness now / Wa Da Da (Rhythm Boys,) will be  
given free to biggest order.

Mr E. Jackson,  
30, Barnsley Road,  
Wombwell,  
nr Barnsley,  
Yorks.

## FOR SALE

Bing Records. Brunswick 78's.

03929, 02653, 03699 03839, 03418, 03902, 04100, 02412, 04101,  
03651, 03019, 02927, 02320, 03882, 03708, 02849, 03753.  
All offered at 4/- each including postage. Reasonable Condition.

Mr Arnold Pope,  
69, Pool Bank Street,  
Rhodes, Middleton,  
Manchester.

## FOR SALE.

Large selection of Bing Brunswick Discs of which the  
following numbers are but a small selection: 02572, 04420,  
02753, 03624, 04606, 02484, 04482, 04921, 03604, 03534, 03902, 03603,  
03647, 03581, 02805, 02881, 03185.

10" LP "ELBINGO" in new condition 20/-

10" LP "DER BINGLE" in good condition 17/6.

Also hundreds of 78 records of 36 top line recording Stars.

## WANTED

102 LP "Down Memory Lane" Vol 2. LA8624  
10" LP "The Quiet Man" LA 8584.

Mr A.H. Lurie,  
22 St. James Road,  
SALFORD 7, Lancs.



# RECORDS



## FROM AMERICA!

In our April issue, we mentioned that an agreement was to be made with Messrs Trans Atlantic Record Agency to supply members with records imported direct from America. Here, then are a few details of the scheme. It is to be hoped that members will take advantage of this great offer.

TARA have the following records on order from their U.S. agent for members of our Society:

Warner Bros. 2-R-1401. Album of 2 - 12" discs entitled :)  
"101 Gang Songs" with Bing Crosby and Chorus.

Decca DX 155. Album of 2 - 12" records featuring songs and interviews with top recording artistes by Pete Martin (Bing is one of the featured artistes).

M.G.M. E 3890. "El Senor Bing". Bing Crosby singing a selection which includes the following:- "Pagan Love Song"; "Cuban Love Song"; "Ramona"; "Amapola"; "Down Argentine Way", etc, etc.

Very full details including prices, order forms, etc, can be obtained direct from the Editor of Crosby Post. Send a stamped and addressed envelope for yours today. NOTE: The average price for a 12" record sent to you from America is only about 40/- which seems very reasonable. But there is another great point to note :-

All members will be entitled to a 10% discount off the quoted prices!!!!

So you see it is up to you to send for your forms today!

### EDITORIAL continued:

Howsoever, the competition will most certainly appear in the August issue, even if I have to fill the cover up with it!!!

Now, don't slacken off, will you? Keep me busy with material for your magazine. I can never have TOO much, even if I cannot get everything through in one particular number.

And don't forget what I've asked you ladies, will you?

Keep me posted with your letters.

'bye for now.

*P. A. Wastie*